Expansion of Telecommunication System in the Country

5045. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to expand the telecommunication system during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific schemes drawn up for the expansion of telecommunication system in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft plan proposals for the period (1990-95) of the Department of Telecommunication envisage: Additional of 59 lakh lines of switching Capacity to provide 52 lakh new Telephone connections. Addition of 37000 Telex lines to provide telex on demand. provision of phone facility in each Gram panchayat. Extension of STD facility to all Sub-Divisional Growth Centres.

(c) Expansion programme of Telecommunication in Rajasthan during the period 1990-95 envisages: Addition of over 2 lakh lines of switching capacity to provide over 1.75 telephone connections. Addition of around 490 Telex lines.

Provision of telephone facility in each Gram Panchayat in Rajasthan.

Around 126 stations to be provided on STD facility during this period.

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Amroha District

5046. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for installation of electronic exchanges at Sivara, Kaath, Hassanpur, Dhanora and Dhampur in Amroha district of U.P.;

(b) whether there is any proposal for providing STD facility in these exchanges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Amroha is a Tehsil Headquarter and not a District. There is no telephone exchange by name Sivara in Amroha Tehsil. Telephone Exchange exists at Seohara in Bijnor district.

(ii) Telephone exchanges at Kanth (not Kaath) and Seohara are planned for replacement during 1992-93.

(iii) Telephone Exchanges at Hassanpur and Dhampur are planned for replacement during 1992-93.

(iv) An Electronic Exchange is already working at Dhanora (Moradabad District).

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, from Hassanpur only during 1994-95 being Tehsil Headquarter as per Departmental Policy.

[*Translation*]

Strength of Delhi Police

5047. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strength of the Delhi Police is adequate to look after the law and order situation; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken increase their strength?